on Current Subjects

STRAIGHT POLITICS.

The Mail cheerfully makes answ

To the Editor of The Mail: I

am one of many citizens of this city and state who have admired

The Charleston Mail—of course I mean the new "Mail," since it passed into its present independent ownership. We have felt that here, at last, was something almost unique in West Virginia—a

newspaper whose principal interest was to print news and not to serve political master. Recently

some of us became uneasy, and

while we still think The Mail in-dependent and disposed to be fair,

we are wondering why you are no longer waging the old battle against crooked politics. What is

the reason? Is it party necessity,

Of course our anxious friend refers first to The Mail's series of editorial articles on "The Costliness of Crooked

Politics," which a Democratic conten

uneasiness regarding this newspaper's single-minded course in all matters,

public and private, is unwarranted.

The re-publication of the editorials

in question fails to remind us of any

ten, and we are willing now, that the chips should fall where they may.

lodgement in the Republican

Quite the contrary!

ome of them were bound to find

some in the Dimocratic dooryard. But those articles contained no reflection

cratic party in this state. Mr. Corn-well is a respectable and honorable

power over the dangerous Democracio

by the forces of crooked politics, but

party which has selected candidates of the highest class for the highest

The Mail rejoices in the opportunity

to support them. The Mail rejoices because their election will mean at

least the beginning of cleaner politics

can party has always been right.

this state have not been representa-tive of the best that was in the party.

Sometimes some of its candidates

places.

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or what? Please tell us.

to the following:

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THE REPUBLICAN TICKET.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 4, 1916.

"America First and America Efficient"

THAT ANARCHISTIC WILSON BANNER.

HE Wilson club did not lose any time in securing from Mayor Bowen a permit to hang up the banner it was compelled to take down late fast month. This morning the streamer could be seen from Jefferson street to the bridge, advertising the fact that the Marion county Democratic gang so completely owns this town that even the municipal ordinances are not permitted to stand in its

No red flag carried in a parade of anarchists was ever more typical of contempt for law and order. The fact that the law has been amended to give technical legality to the display does not in the least alter the fact the amendment was exacted from a reluctant city government simply to make it possible to make good the boast of a few hot bloods that the banner would float, "law or no

The whole proceeding is typical of Gang politics now long are the decent people going to stand for it?

ARE REPUBLICANS SUCKERS?

M R. CORNWELL is conducting the campaign upon a basis which indicates upon a basis which indicates clearly that he considers a large element of West Virginia Republicans specimens of the genus sucker.

Mr. Cornwell, while primarily interested in Mr. Cornwell, opposes everything that the Republican party stands for. This is true in State affairs, and it is true of National policies.

Mr. Cornwell's party is the party that destroyed the protective tariff, prostrated industry, shut out revenue levied special taxes upon the country, and set the curse of unemployment upon the people.

Mr. Cornwell's party is the party which, under pretense of reducing the expense of conducting the National government, appropriated \$700,000,000 more than ever was appropriated by any Republican Congress, raising the cost of maintaining the Federal Government to more than seventeen dollars per capita-making, in fact, every man, woman and child in West Virginia pay seven dollars more than under the previous administration.

Mr. Cornwell's party is the party that declared in its platform for a reduction of useless offices in West Virginia. Mr. Cornwell's party also declared for reduction of uscless offices under the Federal Government. In the Federal Government the civil service bars were let down by the Wilson administration, all Republican employees were discharged and Democrats put in their places. But this is not all. This party that demands a reduction of offices in West Virginia and promised a reduction in the Federal Government, has made 98,000 new places for "deserving Democrats." What, under these conditions, do you think will happen In West Virginia, if Mr. Cornwell shall be elected with a Democratic Legislature to support him?

The Democratic party has almost doubled Fed-

Virginia pays \$35 more to support the Federal Government than was paid two years ago. The Democratic party, although pledged to reduce the Johnson of Montana visited their fathnumber of Federal offices, has created an outrageous and unheard of number of new places for Democrats.

Do Republicans believe in the sincerity of Mr. Cornwell's promises, under these conditions? Is it not more than likely that Mr. Cornwell believes that he can fool a few thousand Republican voters, taking it for granted that they are careless, unintelligent and uninformed as to what the Democratic party has done during its incumbency in charge of

the Federal Government? -No Republican should be deceived on this point. Taxation will continue under Mr. Cornwell as high as ever, and there will be more offices than ever before, if he secures the Governorship. All Republicans now holding State positions will be fired just as Republicans holding positions under the Federal Government were disposed of when Wilson became From the Charleston Mail: President.

Mr. Cornwell, therefore, who opposed Republicanism in all of its phases and who will be personally hostile to all Republican State employees, and who will fill all places with Democrats as soon as he becomes Governor, seems to presume upon the ignorance or gullibility of Republican voters.

METHODIST APPOINTMENTS.

HE West Virginian congratulates the members of the First Methodist Episcopal congregation upon the return of their pastor, the Rev. C. E. Goodwin, and while it congratulates the Rev. J. B. Workman upon his new honors and responsibilities, it joins with the people of the Diamond Street congregation in the regret which they doubtless feel over the announcement that their pastor is to leave.

Both Mr. Goodwin, who returns, and Mr. Work man, who is to become superintendent of the Buckhannon district, have had exceptionally successful careers in this city and have earned for themselves enviable positions in the community at large. Both are strong men who would make their presence felt

in any city. Rev. W. D. Reed, who succeeds Rev. Mr. Work man at Diamond Street, is well known to the Methodists of this conference as a wide awake and pop ular minister of the gospel, who doubtless will be quite equal to carrying on the work which Mr. Workman will leave

THE FARMER PAYS THE FREIGHT.

HE farmer's view of the action of Congress in requiring railroads to pay certain employes a ten-hour wage for an eight-hour day is thus expressed by Henry N. Pope, president of the Association of State Presidents of the Farmer's Union "I question the wisdom of Congress fixing wages

labor employed by private enterprises. "If the government is going to fix wages for any one class of railroad employes, it should fix then for all classes, and if it has power to increase wages it must also have the power to decrease wages.

'Today we find the highest-paid laborers in the world making three times more money than farmers, demanding a 25 per cent increase in wages, and Congress hastening to their relief."

And the farmer, who pays the freight, pays the increase in wages.

THE ADVOCATE OF A LOST CAUSE TY/HEN you have no case, abuse the counsel for

the other side. This advice, given by an old lawyer to a young one, has found lodgment in the mind of the New York World, which is the chief spokesman for the Wilson campaign manage ment, and the columns of that paper now teem with abusive language in commenting upon the splendid a monstrous thing. Their party stands before the people this year, as seldom in its history in West Virginia, as a country and which is solidifying the certainty of Republican success in November. The Democratic press of the country generally takes its cue from the World in this canvass. The word has been passed that if you see it in the World it may not be so but it is the best we can do. Consequently, we find the whole Democratic pack-Blanche, Tray and in this commonwealth. The Republi Sweetheart-barking at Hughes' heels as he is traveling over the country, assailing him as evasive, pettifogging and obtusely partisan.

It all means that the effect of the Hughes method Individuals within the party, and not of campaigning has reached the highest Democratic authorities. What the World has been saying for that. about Hughes will be repeated by other and smaller Democratic papers. Democratic orators will find in it a text for their speeches. The President himself will not be above resorting to this means of attack before election arrives.

It means that the Democratic cause is already lost-and that the Democrats know it. It will not be easy to restrain irritation as we come to note the increasing frequency and the increasing virulence of these personal attacks upon Hughes; but we counsel no retort in kind. "Watchful waiting" will bring us to election day and to sure Republican triumph. Calling Hughes names will not injure the validity of the arguments with which he has awakened the reason and the conscience of the voters. calling Hughes names will not win back to Wilson the high-minded Democrats who are tired and sick of his vacillating phrase-making, calling Hughes names will not wean the returned Progressive from his renewed Republican allegiance, Calling Hughes names will hurt Wilson more than anybody else. Let the advocates of a lost cause have a monopoly of that kind of business.

Two things at least have been decided with regard to the great World Series—the opening games will be played in Boston and the best electric score board in the country will be in front of The West Virginian office in Fairmont.

Candidate Wilson, who decided before the campaign got hot that he would make all his speeches at Shadow Lawn, is now off on his first trip, which will take him to Omaha, a rather long distance from the coast.

It is a significant fact that both times that Wilson banner was sneaked up under cover of darkness.

Mrs. Oliphant says the interests of classes differ, but the interests of men and women are identical. That is true, but it is a truth that does not do the anti-sufpral taxation. A family of five persons in West | fragists any good among people who can reason.

SMITHTOWN

Whooping cough is in this place, time of John Johnson's children have

Charlotte, daughter of W. S. Kramer has returned home from Enterprise. kinds is scarce.
the was very sick while there.
On account of

They report the poorest crop for sev eral years. Potatoes are only about half the normal crop. Fruit of all

W. E. Watson shipped two carloads of fine cattle this week to Eastern markets.

Sunday school at this place closed on Sunday for the winter.

The trustees are having a nice wire

Mrs. Goldie Conaway of Morgantown has been staying with her parents C. D. Malone for a few weeks to care for her sick mother.

Through The er Frank Johnson last week. Rev. Bennett preached Sunday at Political Periscope

Smithtown at 2 o'clock.

Rev. Eddy of the Baptist denomination preached last Sunday at two o'clock to the Smithtown people. He also brought his choir to sing for us. So that we can give our entire at-tention to the political contests which are thought to be close we hereby move you Mr. Chairman, that the Sec-It was a treat and was greatly ap-preciated. We hope to have them come again. retary be instructed to cast the unan-imous vote of the people of West Virginia for the Hon. Howard Sutherland. That attended to, we can give our undivided attention to helping some of the fellows who appear to have a fight on their hands. Editorial Comment

> It would be worth a great deal in one's young life to see what Speaker Champ Clark will see on the seventh day of next November, when he takes a last look at his marked ballot be fore he folds it securely and hands it to the man whose duty it is to drop it into the box. It would be an event in one's young life, too, to lamp Col-

andidacy dance.

Mason county Republicans had a big x-roast—and incidentally spirited a ox-roast—and incidentally spirited a few old Democratic roosters down that way.

No country will endure and no country is worthy to endure, that will not

porary with transparent purpose is now kindly re-publishing, and then to The Mail's support of the new Re-publican ticket. Really there has been It is also true that no country will addre, and no country is worthy to endure, that refuses to protect its la bor, its industry and its business against the unfair competition of lownot the slightest inconsistency; and er wages and lower productive cost in other countries. Wherewith it folows, necessarily, that no political party that will not protect the labor and industry and business of its own country will endure or is worthy to statement which we would reach. We were willing at the time those rather vigorous editorial articles were writ;

The zeal and enthusiasm with which upon the principles of the Republican party, no aspersion upon any decent person who calls himself Republican.

The tax system in use in West Vir-The Republican party rarely if ever has elected representatives so bad as to create a condition at all compara-ble in rottenness to the condition which would result in West Virginia ginia is a monument to the genius and statesmanship of one of the great est leaders West Virginia ever duced, an done of the most maligner and misunderstood men in the history from turning over the government to the men now in control of the Demoof our Commonwealth-William M. O. Dawson. He won his fight for the people against the tax-dodging interpeople against the tax-dodging interests, cheerfully paying the price in health and all he possessed. He went out, as he came into this world, poor, but he felt the memory of great deeds performed for his fellow citizens which shall never die. It is well for us to remember that in the heat of this political contest. man, but he has no more controlling nachinery than has the merest child. On the other hand the Republicans have nominated some mighty likely candidates. For example, Judge Robinson and Congressman Sutherland. These men are not only uncontrolled

Col. McGraw to take the stump. Headlines.

they will run their own business. The Republican party in this state has fallen upon distinctly better times. For No date being given it is our guess that it will be about the 17th of next any Republican to vote the Democratic ticket this fall would be a strange,

are pretty well satisfied who the burglars were and think they will place their names in the hands of the proper authorities soon. We are very sorry such things will happen in our community.—The Cherokee (N. C.)

"I'm going to be married soon." "How old are you?"

"You will surprise people."
"Yes I guess so. I don't know what
bachelor chums will say."

THE AMBULANCE

PULLS UP HERE TELL

'EM THEY'LL FIND THE

INJURED MAN IN THE

DINING ROOM.

- I GOT THERE JUST A MINUTE AFTER THE TRAIN HIT THEM. WELL, SIR, THEY PULLED ONE FEL-

SIGHT. HIS FACE WAS NOTHING BUT A JELLY, AND BOTH OF

LOW OUT OF THERE THAT WAS A

HIS LEGS.

YOSSIR.

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE

onel McGraw's.

Boss Watson didn't see that Trilby cartoon depicting Governor Hatfield hypnotising Judge Robinson. It too vividly suggested himself pulling the purse strings to make the Cornwell

Cornwell hasn't yet announced how many shy he is of the 12,000 Républican votes he needed to elect him when he started out. Is he mum because he's found out he now needs

protect all of its citizens wherever they may be, on land or on sea.— Champ Clark, at Fort Myer.

the Republican editors of West Vir-ginia have jumped into the fight against their party's detractors has never before been equalled in any campaign. They have grabbed up their editorial pens and plunged into the battle with a whoop and a bur-

March.

DELIBERATE. Burglars carried off and robbed one of A. J. Davis' bee guns and also rob-bed his spring house Sunday night.

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Whether you prefer lace curtains or curtain laces by the yard, no more beautiful effects can be obtained than in our curtain section and few at such low prices as-

Lace Curtains\$1.00 to \$3.50 Drapery Laces 35c per yd. A Warm Sweater

Coat Would be a most convenient garment these cool mornings and evenings.

We stocked more sweaters this fall than ever before knowing the demand for them was going to be great. The sweaters come in all the best and newest styles and color. combinations and from the standpoint of quality and good looks they are very desirable. indeed.

Prices are \$3.98 to \$3.75. E

RUFF STUFF

So Mrs. Oliphant spoke. She'll have to tell us why women shouldn't vote before we can get both sides of this question.

lady who says that a Clarksburg was willing to bet her husband

Frank Dudley has it all over

While the lady was fighting Col. Conaway's battles, the Col. stood up, no seat being large enough for him, and smiled and smiled each time the speaker failed to convince. If we had a voice like George Kemp or lungs like Tom Deveny we'd stand in front of the court house and give three cheers for Brooklyn.

But as it is we're content to listen to the reverberations from Gowanus

Today's Very Short Story. White Vest: "You heard me, Mayor, the banner will go up and you will make a law to agree with what I de-

Mayor: "I'm willing for the banner to go up, but what will the people say"?

say"?
White Vest: "Do what I say and you'll be on the right side."
Less Than 50 Years Later.
The banner is up. Take Minnie to the Times' Christnas fund War pictures at the Grand Thursday of next week.

Which has just reminded that we are about to start a Christmas fund for ourselves with which to get a tur-

"Marion will go strong for Corn-well." Sheriff Conaway in the Times. Thank God for Cal Conaway." . . .

"Of all the staple crops that are grown in West Virginia politics is the least profitable." Times.

So say we all of us Democrats. Weather forecast, whether or no:

"Fair and Warmer" tonight. Batteries for today's game: for Brooklyn Marquard and Meyers, fon Boston Shore and Ca—— pardon we were dreaming!

Kinda sleepy today; didn't get much sleep last night worrying over the destruction of the world in the event that the women get a chance to say whether some duck shall be gover-

Members of the American Federa-tion of Labor will remember that 2,-500,000 men were out of employment just before the war, when they vote And naturally they'll also thank G. F. W.

Shanghai Kerns wants to know who this fellow, "Head" is in the Times when it prints statements and closes them with "says head" Head-why that's a stranger to the

. . . We know why Charley Martin has a grouch on these days.

records which customers are ally playing on bis victrols.



Growing Up With the Family

That's why we sell so many childrens shoes. We have been selling the same children for many years—since they were quite small. Parents deal with us because we give the best possible value for the money invested in the way of style, service and careful fitting. Bring or send the children in—we have every wanted style for dress and school wear.

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It's because he has piles of ukelele

Mrs. C. D. Malone still lingers in a

The farmers here are cutting corn.

The trustees are having a nice wire fence put up around the cemetery at this place.

On account of whooping cough the Mrs. Delpha Martin. Mrs. Little and